



AMENDMENT TO "COMPENSATION" SECTION OF THE CHARTERS OF THE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INITIAL REVIEW GROUPS  
AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELS

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are full time officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on these committees.

Approved:

4/6/99  
Date

Harold Varmus  
Director, NIH

Attachments:

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## CHARTER

### National Institute of General Medical Sciences SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL

#### PURPOSE

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is mandated under Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code 241) **to make grants-in-aid** for research projects relating to health. In addition, **Section 487 of the Public Health Service Act**, as amended (42 U.S. Code 288) authorizes the support of research and research training through National Research Service Awards.

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel (Panel) provides concept review of proposed contract or grant solicitations and reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in broad areas of biomedical research and the behavioral sciences, such as genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biophysics, chemistry, biochemistry, physiology and pharmacological sciences.

#### AUTHORITY

42 U.S. Code 282 (b)(6), Section 402(b)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Panel is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S. Code Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

#### FUNCTION

The Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), regarding concept review, **research** grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals, relating to the areas of biomedical research and the behavioral sciences, such as genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biophysics, chemistry, biochemistry, physiology and pharmacological sciences.

#### STRUCTURE

Members and Chairs will be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications, proposals or proposed solicitations to be reviewed. Approximately 100 reviewers will be used each year. **Members** will be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of biomedical research.

**Members** of the NIH Reviewers Reserve or chartered HHS advisory committees may serve on the Panel if their expertise is required.

Management and support **services** shall be provided by Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

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### MEETINGS

Meetings of the Panel will **be held as** necessary (approximately 30 times per year) **as** determined **by the** Designated **Federal** Official (DFO) who shall also approve **the agenda**. A Government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall **be open** to the public unless determined otherwise **by the Secretary or other official** to whom the authority has been delegated; notice of all meetings **shall be given** to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records **of the proceedings kept, as** required by applicable laws and departmental regulations.

### COMPENSATION

**Members shall be paid at the** rate of \$150 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. **Members** who are **officers** or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Panel.

### ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated **annual cost for** operating the Panel, including compensation and travel expenses for **members** but excluding staff support, is \$145,404. The estimate of annual **person-years** of staff support required is 4.6 at an estimated annual cost of \$263,254.

### REPORTS

An annual report **shall be prepared by** December 31 for submission to the **Secretary** through **the** Assistant Secretary for Health and the Director, NIH, which shall contain, as a minimum, the Panel's functions, **a** list of members and their business **addresses**, the dates and places of meetings, and a summary of **its** activities and **recommendations** during the preceding year. A report **shall be prepared annually showing the** distribution of reviewers by gender, ethnicity, **geographic balance**, and frequency with which reviewers are used. Copies of the reports shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

### ESTABLISHMENT DATE

September 30, 1994

### TERMINATION DATE

Continuing

**FORMAL DETERMINATION**

I hereby determine that formation of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel is *in* the public interest in connection with the duties imposed on the Director, NIH, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

I further deem that it is not feasible for the NIH or any of its committees with appointed membership to perform these duties.

**APPROVED**

SEP 29 1994

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Varmus", is written over a horizontal line.

Director, NIH